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Redevelopment Provides Lifeline for Cherry Interchange Project

Jan. 25, 2011 —SAN BERNARDINO—On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors allocated \$13.2 million in redevelopment funds to the Cherry/I-10 interchange modernization project, which is scheduled to start construction this summer and will take about two and a half years to complete.

“The Cherry interchange simply can’t handle the thousands of cars and trucks that have to use it every day,” San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. “We need a 21st century interchange so commuters don’t have to spend so much time stuck in traffic on Interstate 10 and on Cherry Avenue.

“Fortunately, county redevelopment funding has provided a lifeline that has kept this interchange from falling behind schedule. Otherwise, we wouldn’t be getting this project started for a year or more,” Rutherford said.

The \$76.9-million interchange project includes replacing the five-lane Cherry Avenue bridge over I-10 with an eight-lane bridge; adding a lane to all four ramps, and improvements to the Cherry Avenue intersections with Valley Boulevard and Slover Avenue. Vehicles waiting to exit at Cherry Avenue regularly stack onto the freeway, exacerbating already heavy traffic congestion. On average, about 220,000 vehicles travel on I-10 between San Bernardino and Ontario daily.

Redevelopment Funding for Cherry/I-10

In January 2008, the San Sevaire Redevelopment Area contributed \$279,000 towards environmental studies needed for the Cherry/I-10 interchange modernization project. The redevelopment area is home to the Auto Club Speedway, California Steel Industries, and dozens of other industrial and commercial businesses that utilize the Cherry Avenue/I-10 interchange.

Redevelopment was tapped for \$3.7 million in October 2008 when funding was needed to design the new interchange.

In March 2010, Supervisors allocated \$9.5 million in redevelopment dollars to purchase land needed to complete the project. At the time, the three agencies responsible for the interchange— San Bernardino County Public Works, City of Fontana, and San Bernardino Associated Governments (Sanbag) – did not have funding available to pay for the land. The agencies agreed to reimburse the redevelopment area for the advance.

On Tuesday, Supervisors allocated \$3.7 million in redevelopment funds toward construction of the interchange. Additionally, Supervisors agreed to use the \$9.5 million being paid back to the redevelopment area to help fund the interchange construction. All total, the San Sevaire Redevelopment Area has contributed \$17.2 million to the Cherry/I-10 interchange project.

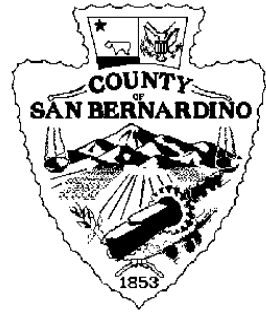
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County, Rancho Cucamonga Partner on Active Shooter Response Program

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to improve student safety in the City of Rancho Cucamonga by creating virtual maps of school campuses that can be utilized by emergency responders.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga partnered with the County Sheriff's Department to secure a \$173,421 U.S. Department of Justice grant to develop and implement an Active Shooter Response program. The funds will pay for two Geographic Information Systems Technicians from the City to photograph, catalog, and map the campuses of participating local high schools and junior high schools.

The collected information will be stored on flash drives so deputies and firefighters can quickly access maps and other data via laptop computers during an emergency, such as a violent person on campus or a hazardous materials spill. The maps will allow first responders to view every aspect of a school campus, including the interiors of room, so they can thoroughly plan their response tactics.

“Ensuring that our first responders have virtual school maps at their fingertips will enhance their ability to protect students and school staff during an emergency,” Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. “This partnership between the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the County is another great example of how we can work together to improve our communities.”

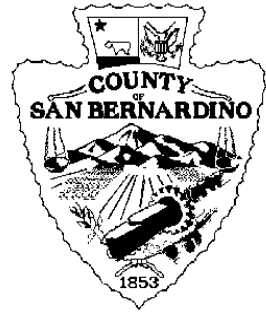
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Supervisors Approve First Phase of Cherry Avenue Widening Project

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a \$775,700 contract to begin the first phase of a project to widen Cherry Avenue from Whittram Avenue to Foothill Boulevard in Fontana.

The first phase, which is scheduled to begin in early January, entails grading the roadway to the current right of way, relocating utilities and business signs, constructing retaining walls, and installing block walls with wrought iron fencing in front of residential properties. It will take about a year to complete the first phase.

The final phase, which will begin in early 2011, includes widening Cherry Avenue from two to three lanes in each direction from Whittram Avenue to Foothill Boulevard and installing a median with landscaping. It will cost about \$5 million and will take about a year to complete.

“Cherry Avenue is a major economic corridor that runs through the heart of San Bernardino County’s successful San Seavine Redevelopment Area, and transportation improvements such as this are key to fueling economic development along Cherry and throughout the RDA,” Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said.

Residents and business owners will receive a letter informing them of the project start date one week prior to the start of construction. Temporary lane and shoulder closures will be necessary during the first phase. Motorists are urged to use caution in the construction zone.

In addition to widening Cherry Avenue, the County of San Bernardino is also the lead agency on the \$76 million reconstruction of the Cherry Avenue/I-10 interchange. The reconstruction of the interchange is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2011 and will take about three years to complete.

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